

Message from the head: Happy New Year to you all! It's been lovely to see you all coming back after the winter break. The staff have been hard at work making sure the children have been able to hit the ground running and new topics are already well underway. Next week you will be receiving the topic letter and snapshot from your child's class with all the important information you will need for this term in respect to the learning and trips/events taking place. This term is a relatively short one in comparison to the Autumn term but that means there is a lot to pack into a short space of time! I would ask for your continued support to ensure your children are in school on time and as regularly as possible so they maximise the learning opportunities we provide for them. This also extends to supporting and encouraging them to engage with any home learning they are set including practicing their number facts and times tables for their 'Fleet Facts' and 'Times Table Rockstars' as well as daily reading practice. Language and reading is so important to the educational outcomes of children and regular daily practice is key. During our INSET day this week Ruth, our English lead, led a session on inference and fluency. I wanted to share with you something mentioned in the session from a piece of educational research as evidence of the importance of children reading outside of school:

- **A student who reads 21 minutes per day outside of school reads almost 2 million words per year.**
- **A student who reads for less than a minute per day outside of school reads only 8,000 to 21,000 words per year.**

From that evidence it is clear the advantage to vocabulary and comprehension by reading regularly at home. I would encourage you to ensure your child is not held back in their progress by not maximising the reading and exposure to new vocabulary that is so important to their successful cognitive development.

On this theme, Nursery have been working on a project this year called 'Camden Kids Talk'. The aim of the project is to boost communication and language skills in Nursery aged children across Camden. Key to this is building vocabulary through talk and questioning. Look out on Monday for a letter about this coming home. While the project is running in Nursery we will be sharing a 'top tip' each week with you as it is relevant to all children. Have a great weekend and see you all back on Monday.

Fleet Calendar 2024

To order your copy of the fantastic fleet Calendar (with all artwork produced by our children) please contact the office to order one or go online—<https://forms.gle/71yVQXJjNyfY7Pi7>. Excellent value at £4 and includes all the school holiday and INSET dates for 2024.



Winter Reading Challenge

Get your child involved with the Camden Library Winter Reading Challenge! If you are not already a member of a local library and need support to do this please speak to Lisa Tan in the office and she can support you to get signed up. We would encourage all of you to take up the free membership available so your children can indulge a love of reading. See the advert in the Wednesday newsletter for more information.

Fleet Writing Competition—Years 4,5 & 6

Your children should have come home yesterday with a letter about a writing competition running this holidays. Please encourage your children, if they are in Y4-6 to take part in this. In case your child mislaid the physical letter it has been sent home via ParentHub too. Entries to be returned to the office by Monday 15th January 2024.

Punctuality Award

Not the best start to the New Year and new term with lates up from 17 the week before the break to this week's 33. Thanks to the majority who get here everyday on time ensuring they don't miss any of their learning or disturb others' learning and a special mention for three classes—Year 5 (3 lates); Reception (1 late) and our winners, Year 2 with no lates! If your child has been late this week please try to ensure they are here on time. Your children need your help to get up, get ready and in to school. Being late, even just by a few minutes, gets them off to a disrupted start and undoubtedly affects their learning. Lets see if we can have better attendance next week?



Attendance Award

A great start to the new term for some of our classes with 4 classes all above 96% - our target level. Well done to them. They are Year 5 (96.2%), Year 1 (96.5%), Year 2 (97%) and this week's attendance prize winners, Year 6 with a fantastic 99.5%! Illness continues to badly affect the other classes who are all either at or just below 90% which means the overall attendance for the week is pulled down to 93.9% which is very low (although slightly higher than the Autumn average of 93.6% so moving in the right direction. With the current cold snap please ensure that children are well dressed and able to stay warm when they are out to play. Remember, that sniffles, minor colds, coughs or sore throats should not prevent a child being in school if they are fever free and otherwise well. This is traditionally the time of year when there is lots of this going around and we want to support the children to be resilient.

Lunch Menu: 15th—19th Jan

Meat Free Monday

Vegetarian:
Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Pasta Salad
Cous Cous
Vegetables of the day
Lemon Drizzle Cake

Wednesday

Meat/Halal:
Roast of the day
Vegetarian:
Veg Wellington
Stuffing & Gravy
Mashed/Roast Potatoes
Vegetables of the day
Fresh Fruit

Friday

Meat/Halal:
Fish Fingers
Vegetarian:
5 Bean Chilli
Chips or Rice
Tomato Sauce
Vegetables of the day
Oaty Cookie

Tuesday

Meat/Halal:
Beef Burger
Vegetarian:
Bean Burger
Potato Wedges
Vegetables of the day
Fruit Jelly with
Mandarins

Thursday

Meat/Halal:
Chicken Korma
Vegetarian:
Veggie Bolognaise
Rice & Garlic Bread
Vegetables of the day
Apple Sponge Cake

Available Daily

Freshly Cooked Jacket
Potato
Freshly Baked Bread

Please remember to let the office know if you want your child to change to or from school lunches so you are charged correctly

Stars of the week!



Nursery

For your enthusiasm in whatever you do. We love how eager you are to join in with everything. We particularly enjoyed your dance class, showing everyone your funky moves!

Reception

For fantastic effort and focus this week. You have been trying really hard with your learning and playing really nicely with your classmate. Well done you!

Year 1

You have had a great start to the term. You always come to school with a positive attitude and are becoming more independent with your learning everyday. Well done!



Year 2

for trying really hard in your English work this week and for generally having a great attitude in the first week back. We have been impressed with your listening! Well done you.

Year 3

for always being such an attentive listener! You are always focussed and ready to learn. You try your hardest throughout every moment of the school day. What a great start to the term you have had. Keep it up super-star!

Year 4

for your wonderful attitude! You are such a kind and caring friend and approach your learning with such positivity and dedication. You also display wonderful manners and are constantly polite and appreciative. Well done and keep it up!



Well done to these children who have been chosen by their class teachers to be the 'Star of the Week' - Well done to all these children, and to all the rest who might not have been picked this week but could have been.



Year 5

For your excellent engagement in class discussions! I have really noticed you listening attentively and putting up your hand to answer questions. Well done for starting the term so pro-actively!

Year 6

for your brilliantly bright start to 2024. You're always so positive, kind and caring. You approach all tasks with focus, working hard to achieve your best. Well done!

Dates for your diary this term...

Please bear in mind that occasionally trips may be arranged or cancelled last minute. Where possible we will give as much notice as we can. We need adult volunteers to support on these trips so please do look out for notices on class windows or sent out via ParentHub closer to the date of a trip and contact the office if you are able to accompany. Thank you.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

16th, 23rd, 30th Jan & 6th Feb	Healthy Eating Course for Parents & Children—1.30-3.30pm—speak to Lisa in the office to book a place
2nd February	KS1 and KS2 Open Morning—Maths
5th February	Online Safety Workshops for all classes
12th—16th Feb	Half Term
4-8th March	Book Week
7th March	World Book Day—Dressing Up Day!
5th March	Book Fair after school in the hall—come and spend book day token!
13th March	School Council to the Houses of Parliament
20th & 21st March	Parent Teacher Meetings Y1-Y6 (Y2 not doing 20th but 19th instead)
28th March	Last Day of Term—finish at 2pm

Parents Association Events

Thurs 25th April	International Food Evening
Sat 6th July	Summer Fair

YEAR 4 2023-24

29th February	Y4 Class Tea after school—parent run
1st March	Y4 Class Assembly @ 10am
22nd March	Dance Workshop

YEAR 3 2023-24

24th January	Dodgeball competition @ Talacre after school (selected children)
8th February	Trip to Wigmore Hall
4th March	Trip to British Museum
7th March	Y3 Class Tea after school—parent run
8th March	Y3 Class Assembly @ 10am
21st March	Trip to October Gallery

YEAR 5 2023-24

17th January	Dodgeball competition @ Talacre after school (selected children)
30th January	Trip to the CLC
31st January	Dodgeball competition @ Talacre after school (selected children)
22nd February	Y5 Class Tea after school—parent run
23rd February	Y5 Class Assembly @ 10am
27th February	Trip to Neasden Temple
5th March	Trip to the V&A Museum
18th-28th March	Swimming everyday @ Kentish Town Pool

YEAR 6 2023-24

23rd January	Trip to the BFI
30th January	Talacre Sports Morning
8th February	Y6 Class Tea after school—parent run
9th February	Y6 Class Assembly @ 10am
27th February	Trip to Houses of Parliament

NURSERY 2023-24

2nd February	Camden Kids Talk Programme—stay and play session for parents
1st March	Camden Kids Talk Programme—stay and play session for parents
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RECEPTION 2023-24

22nd January	Music Workshop in school
23rd January	Firefighters visit class
26th January	Role Play Day—Firefighters!
30th January	Parent Meetings 3.30-5pm
1st February	Parent Meetings 3.30-5pm
1st February	Reception Class Tea after school—parent run
6th February	Stay and Play session
20th February	Trip to the Zoo
22nd February	Role Play Day—Vets!
4th March	Concert @ Cecil Sharp House
15th March	Stay and Play Parent Session
26th March	Trip to Camley Street

YEAR 1 2023-24

26th January	Trip to Hampstead Heath (pm)
22nd February	Trip to the Zoo
21st March	Y1 Class Tea after school—parent run
22nd March	Y1 Class Assembly @ 10am

YEAR 2 2023-24

6th February	Trip to Camley Street
20th February	Trip to Keats Library
14th March	Y2 Class Tea after school—parent run
15th March	Y2 Class Assembly @ 10am
19th March	Parent Meetings—3.30-5.30pm
22nd March	Trip to Heath (am)
22nd March	Dance Workshop (pm)

Term Dates for 2023-24

SPRING TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 9 th January 2024
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 12 th Feb – Friday 16 th Feb 2024
Last day of term	Thursday 28 th March 2024 – close at 2pm

SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 16 th April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024 - school closed
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024

STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
1 st half term	Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Monday 8 th January 2024	Monday 15 th April 2024
2 nd half term			Monday 10 th June 2024

Provisional Term Dates for 2024-25

AUTUMN TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 28 th Oct – Friday 1 st November 2024
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December 2024 – close at 2pm

STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

	Autumn Term
1 st half term	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
2 nd half term	

Please note Nursery and Reception start dates in the Autumn Term differ due to home visits and phased transition. You will receive your child's start date as part of the welcome pack and will be discussed at the meeting prior to the Autumn Term start.

Fleet Facts!



Well done to all these children who have passed their Fleet Facts test this week!

Year 2: Johnny, Fatima, Rron, Logan, Grace R, Anthony, Sovann, Zaina

Year 3: Max, Albie

Year 4: Abida, Amaani, Amine, Ayman, Kimberley, Lir, Lola, Mason, Michelle, Mo, Naz, Robyn, Rocco, Thaddeus

Year 6: Alea, Rayn C, Sufiyan, Ena, Yara, Millie, Hana, Natasha, Abid, Tyrell, Ranya, Theo, Tabby

Times Tables Rock Stars of the Term!

Well done to these children who earned the most coins in their class on Times Tables Rock Stars this week!

Year 2: Sera—3,246 coins!

Year 4: Alfie—8,350 coins!

Year 5: Jarod—50,465 coins!

Year 6: Ena—10,012 coins!

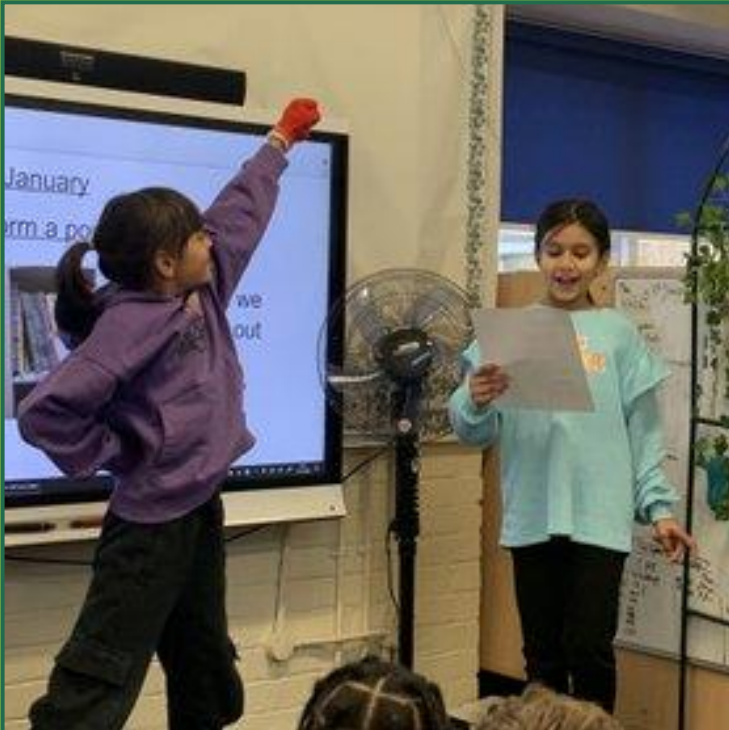
Numbots Star of the Week!

Year 2: Rron—1,826 coins!

Year 3: Albie—448 coins

This week at Fleet...

It's been a great start back for the children this week. After the break children seem to be rested and ready for a packed term ahead. This week the children were introduced to their new topics for Spring Term—look out next week for this term's curriculum letter coming home with all the details of this term's topic and learning. EYFS and KS1 got straight back into their phonics and reading along with the other aspects of their curriculum and across the school the low hum of concentration could be heard from each class—punctuated by the sound of recorders from Year 3—who started their musical journey with that instrument this week—as well as the melodious sound of trumpets and trombones as years 4 and 5 restarted their brass lessons with Rod. We look forward to sharing with you throughout this term images of the fantastic work the children are doing each week.



Art and Design Club end of term exhibition!!!



Just before Christmas the Art and Design club, run by Sophie (Robyn's mum), held a mini exhibition for their grown ups to show off the amazing work they had done through the term. We were so impressed with what they did under Sophie's expert guidance we wanted to share with the wider school. Well done to all the children who attended the club and produced such fantastic work.

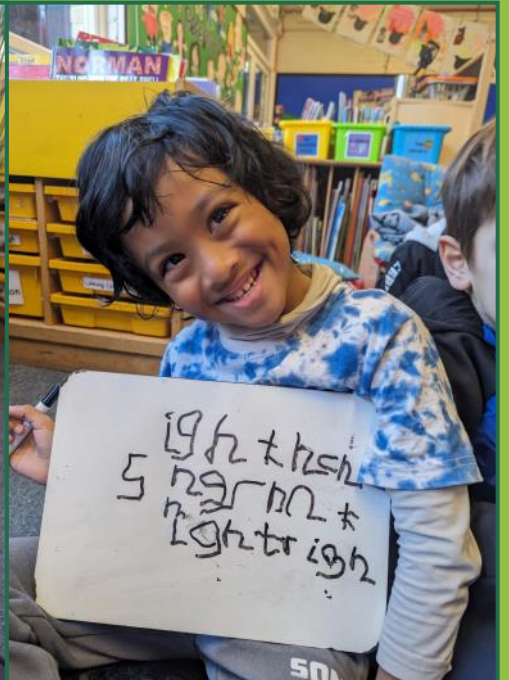
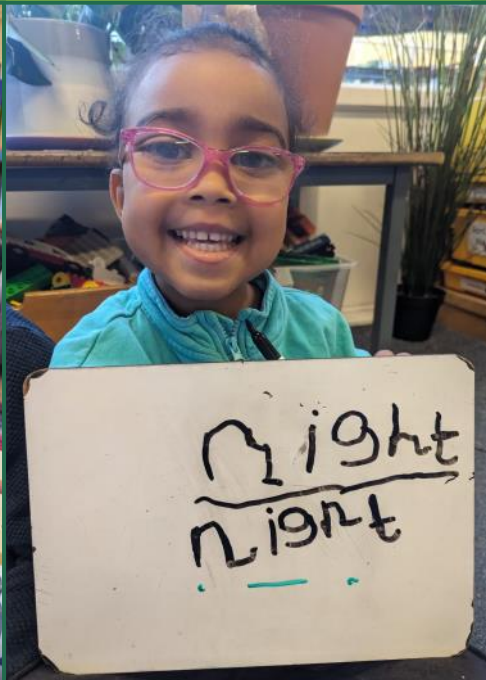
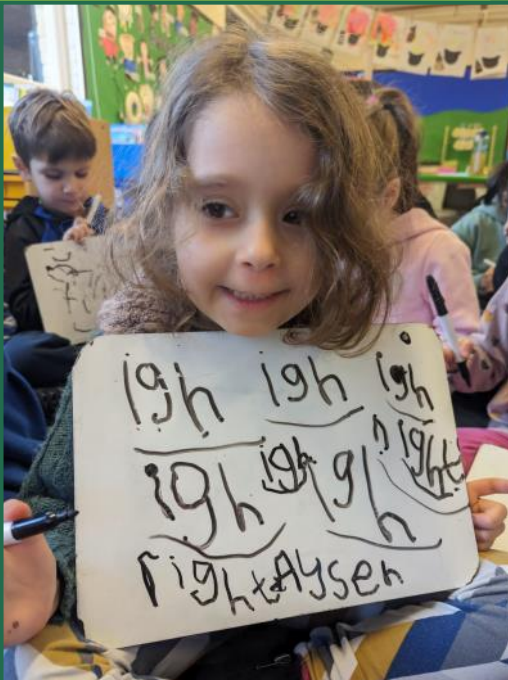


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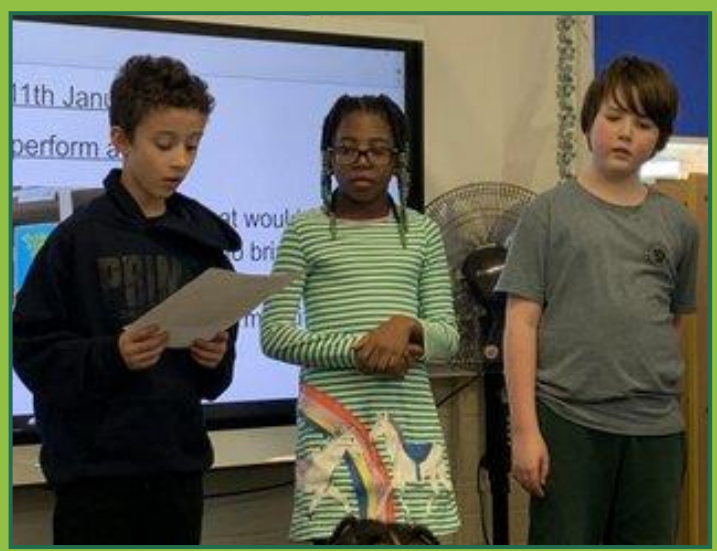
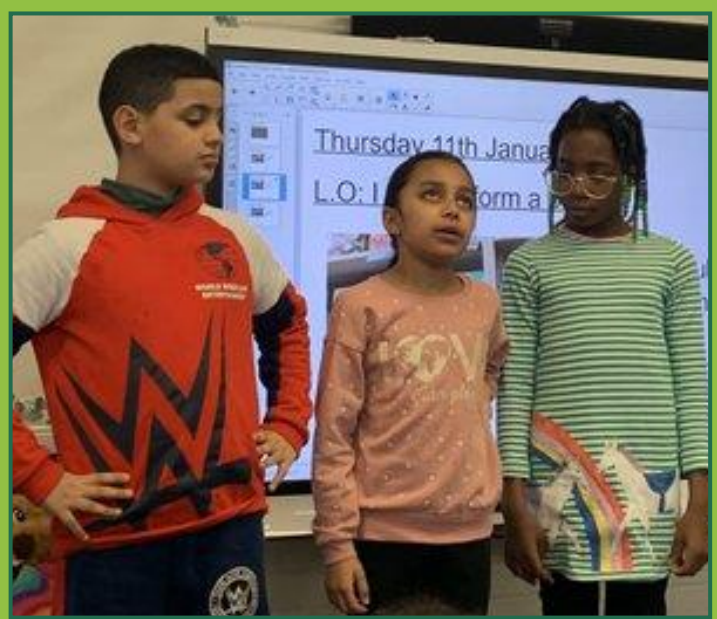
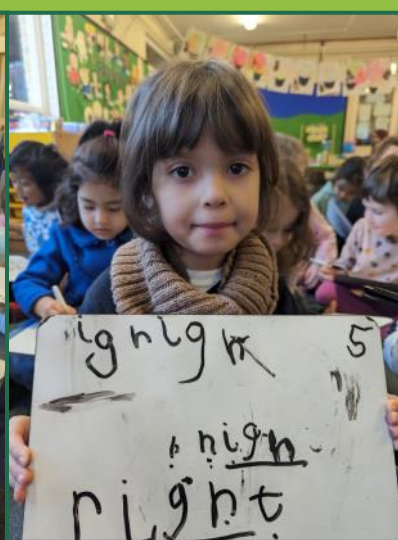
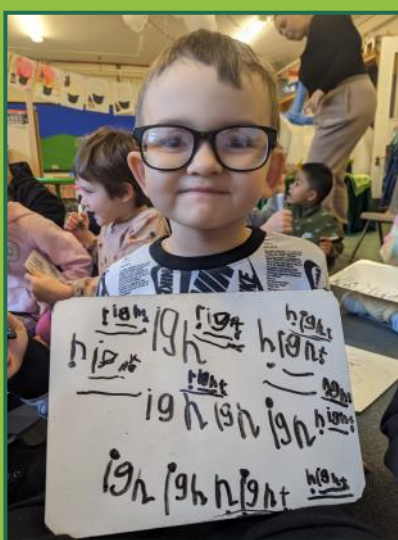
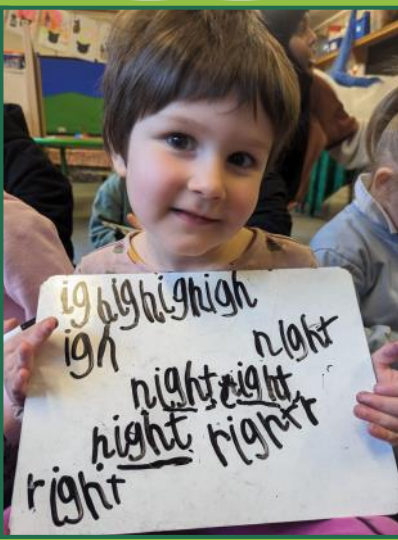
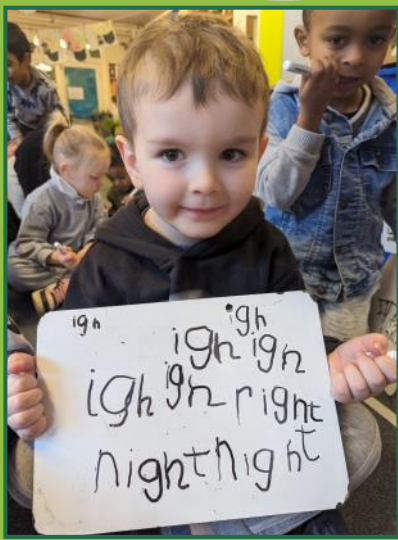


Club allocations for this term were sent home today via ParentHub. If you applied for a club and didn't receive a message, or didn't manage to apply and would like a place in one of this term's clubs for your child. Please speak to the office on Monday. Clubs start up from next week.

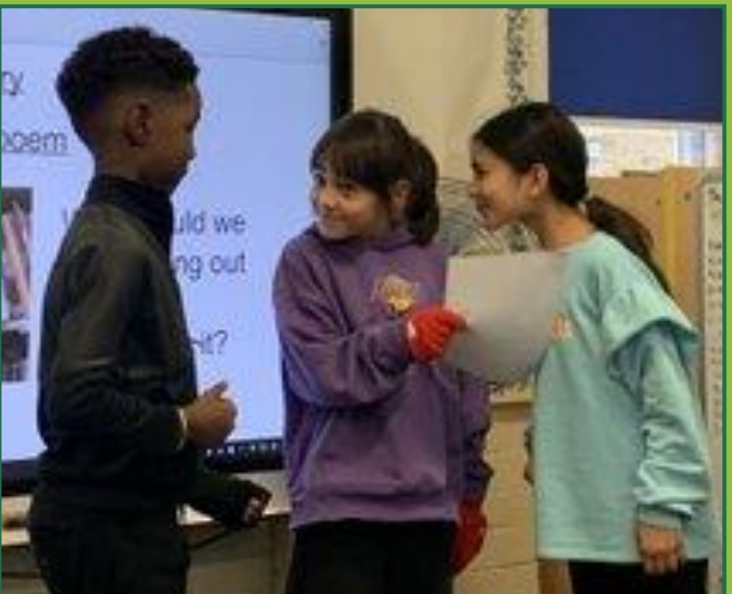
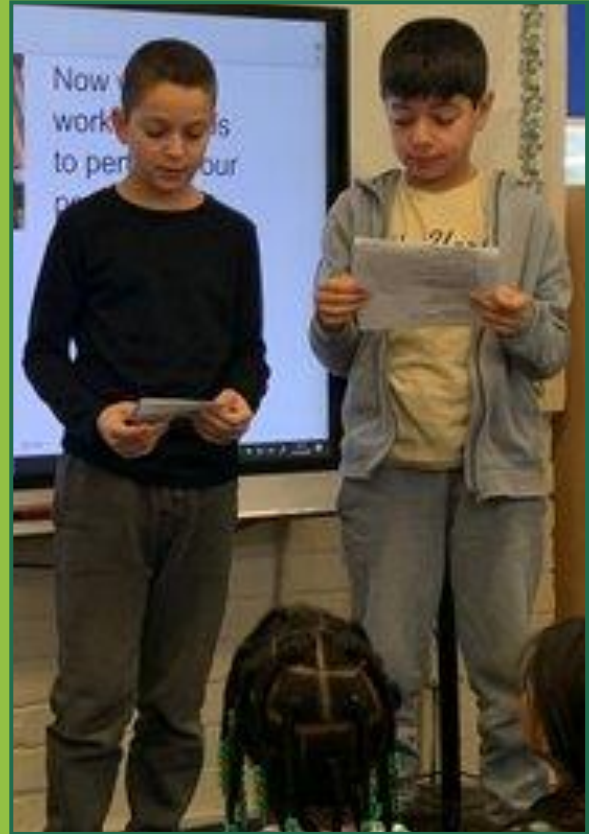
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